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2011 Annual Goonignebig Tournament announced for February 12th!



Election Candidate Information. Candidates for both the Primary and General elections have submitted messages concerning their run for office. Their messages will appear in the next *Currents* appearing in mid-January

The **deadline for voter registration** for the Primary was December 17th, 2010 and is March 4th, 2011 for the General Election. You must be registered to participate in the election.



February Currents is out! The February Currents is out and is being mailed this week. Catch it online at www.lrboi.com under the Public Affairs tab; pick up a copy at any Government building or watch for it in your mail. Always be sure to keep your mailing address current with the Enrollment Department too! That's the department that generates the addresses for our mailing!

Work Search Computer!

Work Search Computer! The Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program has had a computer installed for job search and career-related activities at the Commerce Dept., 294 River Street. The computer may be used by any Tribal Citizen or Descendant and they must be signed up with the Workforce Development Program. The department also maintains a hard copy Job Postings Book at the workstation for all job postings through Tribal Government and LRRCR, as well as other job resource information.

Warriors Society Updates

The Warrior Society has several announcements:

oThey wish to acknowledge tribal descendants currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.

oThe new Warriors Society Ordinance is on the approved Ordinances website, under chapter 700, Title 09 www.lrboi.com

oNext meeting is February 5th at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

Internship Opportunities for Spring and Summer 2011

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is looking to hire up to three current undergraduate or graduate students as interns: one for the spring semester and two for summer of 2011. The spring internship is a part-time position of approximately 5-10 hours a week and the summer internships are full-time positions over the course of 10-12 weeks.

All three internships are research-based and emphasize collecting, compiling and analyzing information about Indian land ownership in the U.S. These are excellent opportunities for any students who have a background in Native American history and issues or who have a strong desire to learn.

Visit our [website](#) to find out more.

Commerce - Workforce Development Announce 2011 Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program

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Wii Bowling for Elders

The CHRs from Tribal Health are holding Wii bowling for the Elders at the Community Center on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. The fun game is really taking off and they hope to add more days as more and more people sign up. For more information, contact your CHR or Tribal Health. "It's not the package and the wrapping which counts but what is inside, underneath the clothes and the skin."

HIS & HERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP

has been moved to the Aki Community Center at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee. That is at the corner of Dontz Rd. and Shaw Be Quo-Ung (Aki Housing area). The group still meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening.

Come Join the Diabetes Talking Circle

- Learn:
- Myths about diabetes
- Diabetes prevention
- Diabetes risk factors
- Types of diabetes
- Eating healthy, dietary guidelines
- Reading food labels and shopping for healthy foods
- Healthy food preparation
- Traditional foods
- Routine medical care

This group can help support your desire to change your eating habits/diet, support a family member with diabetes, and assist you in making changes to be healthier. Tuesday 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Tribal Health Clinic or Wednesday 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Aki Community Center. Classes run for 12 weeks. For more information or to sign up for a class contact Holly Davis RN, MSN Diabetes Educator/Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Teresa Johnson Community Health Representative at 231-398-6629.

(Kateri Circle)

"The first thing that we want you to understand is that spirit has no color or race to it. It doesn't matter whether your skin is white, black, red, brown - whatever. No one out there is any better than you, and you are no better than anyone else out there."

- John Peters (Slow Turtle), WAMPANOAG

We are all created to be of equal worth. We may be different sizes, different heights, different ages, different colors, we may have different beliefs and be of different cultures. In the unseen world, we are all spirit formed into different shapes and colors but we are all worthy. For example, you can have water, you can have steam, or you can have ice. Which of these is not made up of H₂O?

My Creator, today, let me see equal worthiness in all people

Trading Post logowear!

We are proud to announce that our logo apparel is now available online. You may go to www.baysupplyinc.com and on the left side of the page click on Little River Trading Post and place your order. Payment is via Credit Card and your order will be shipped directly to your door step. Also check back we are always adding new things to order. .

Muskegon Project

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) has announced the launch of a website, *Muskegon Jobs Now*, viewable and searchable at <http://muskegonjobsnow.com>. The new website provides a comprehensive overview of the economic benefits that a proposed casino at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack in Fruitport Township would provide the residents of Muskegon County and the state of Michigan. In addition, the website provides supporters an opportunity to check on the status of the project and contact legislators.

All Singers & Drummers

If you are interested in learning about our tribal songs and drumming, a group has formed to practice on Wednesdays. Please feel free to call Bill Memberto at 398-6728 regarding this effort.

Muskegon Four Season's
2011 Gatherings
all dates times are same 11 am to 3 pm
ST. Thomas Hall
3252 Apple Ave { M-46 }
Muskegon, Michigan
POTLUCK = Dish to pass
tableware and beverage will be supplied
Raffles and Door Prizes and silent auctions
Leader Patti Wlodkowski 231-755-4865
Debra Gutowski
231-733-2891 -- 1-616-514-6065 - cell 231-557-1634

Feb---13 Valentine's Gathering

March -- 27 Easter Gathering

Oct -- 23 Halloween gathering

Nov --- 13 Ghost Supper

Dec --- 11 Christmas Gathering

11am to 3 pm all Sunday dates
**Everyone is welcome to come and share and socialize
and share the day and make memories.....**

Debra Gutowski-Director
Native American Ministry
360 Division Ave S suite 3A
Grand Rapids, MI. 49503
234-0491x 1517 { direct line } 514-6065
Fax { 551-5626 }

Opportunity for Training: Attention!!!

The tribal government recently created a partnership with Occidental Chemical Corporation in Ludington, Michigan to identify those Tribal members that may be seeking current opportunities and up to 40 new positions by the year 2014 in the Maintenance profession with welding and electrical backgrounds.

We will be working closely with workforce development to identify those parties who are interested in obtaining the required training and schooling to get into their apprenticeship programs and other training in welding and electrical through schools such as West Shore Community College and other certification institutions.

If you know of anybody interested in pursuing this career opportunity or who may be qualified for the current position, please forward their resume and information to our HR department or Dave Hawley in workforce development. If any individual needs more information or needs help in formatting a resume, our Workforce Development department will assist in that process.

The Little River Casino Board of Directors has announced their open meeting schedule as follows:

Jan 28	March 25
Feb 25	April 8

The meetings begin at 4 p.m.

Court Docket

This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 12-1-10

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation
DM - Divorce with children
EB - Election Board Appeal
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment
GM - Guardianship of Minor
JV - Juvenile
NC - Name Change
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support
DO - Divorce w/o children
EM - Emancipation of Minor
GA - Gaming Appeal
GR - Employment Matter
LT - Landlord Tenant
PF - Probate
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket
EA - Enrollment Appeal
FJ - Foreign Judgment
GC - General Civil
JC - Judicial Complaint
NA - Neglect Abuse
PPO - Personal Protection Order
WC - Workmen's Compensation

Thursday, January 20, 2011; Judge Sherigan

10:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse - 09184NA Closed Hrg.

Friday, January 21, 2011; Judge Sherigan

10:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse - 07188NA Closed Hrg.

11:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse - 08284NA Closed Hrg.

Monday, January 24, 2011; Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m. Hannah, Ashley - 09240TM Probation Violation

10:30 a.m. Henderson v. Henderson - 10264DO Pretrial Hear-

ing

1:30 p.m. Clark v. Clark - 10247DM Pretrial Hearing.

Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	2 openings
Health Commission	2 openings
Binojeeuk	1 openings
LRCR Board	1 opening for an elected official

All other commission seats available have been filled.

*Docket is subject to additions or deletions based on new filings.

Black Lake Sturgeon Spearing in February

The Natural Resources Commission will be authorizing sturgeon spearing in Black Lake (Cheboygan County) for this February. Spearing will take place through the ice. A date for harvest has not been determined but the spearing opportunity will be taking place in early February. If you are interested in an opportunity to harvest a sturgeon please contact the LRBOI Natural Resource Department (231-723-1594) and we can give you more information about the harvest and permitting details. Also, the Department can provide you with information and phone numbers about renting ice shanties while on Black Lake.

Black Lake Sturgeon Harvest Set For Early February 2011

1. Season: Saturday, February 5th through Wednesday, February 9th from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day (or until 1 fish quota is reached after which season will be immediately closed).
2. Only one fish total can be harvested regardless of the number of licensed anglers.
3. No minimum size limit.
4. Method of harvest is spearing through the ice, hook and line, or bow.
5. Angler must maintain in their possession at all times a valid Lake Sturgeon Harvest Permit for Black Lake in order to fish. This permit must be acquired from the Natural Resources Department by Wednesday, February 2nd and will indicate the specific dates for which the permit is valid.
6. Daily Angler check-in is required at Zolner Road near Black Lake. LRBOI Natural Resource Department (NRD) staff will be located there from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
7. Anglers will be given a shortwave radio or be notified of other means to contact the LRBOI NRD staff present at Black Lake. After an angler harvests a sturgeon they must immediately contact the LRBOI NRD staff.
8. Mandatory registration of sturgeon is required immediately upon harvest with a LRBOI NRD field staff.

Please call the Natural Resources Department for more information and the complete set of regulations: 231-723-1594

Hunters, fishers and gatherers

We invite you to send us your 2010 hunting, fishing and gathering success pictures via Email, Post Office or to simply drop them off at the department. You are also welcome to add a story which may also make its way to the Currents if you'd like. We add all submissions to our Wall of successful hunters, fishers and gathers and would proudly like to add yours.

Email: bharnish@lrboi.com
Address: LRBOI Natural Resource Department
Atten: Bonnie Harnish
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660

2011 Manistee County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

Saturday 2/12 and Sunday 2/13
8:00am – 6:00pm
Aki Community Center
(2953 Shaw Be Quo Ung near 1470 Dontz Road)

In response to requests from AKI residents, TERT in conjunction with Manistee County Emergency Response and Michigan DHS Region #7 will sponsor a CERT training on February 12th and 13th at Aki Maadiziwin.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. Visit <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert> for more information on the program!

Please contact your Tribal Emergency Response Team at 231-398-6873 or e-mail mvelikan@lrboi.com to register.



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From L.R.B.O.I.

Elders Meeting

Please note that the Elders meeting for February will be held on February 5th.

Aki Community Center Elder Meals Menu ~ JANUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Chicken Parmesan Italian veggies Pasta salad Peach cobbler	4	5 Oven Fried Chicken Lima Beans Apple Sherbet Activity: Wii Bowling	6	7 Baked Fish Rice Asparagus Elder Birthday of the Month	8 Elder Committee Mtg.
9	10 Smothered Pork Chop Red Potato Corn Fruit crisp	11	12 Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potato Green beans Jell-O Activity: Wii Bowling	13	14 Chicken Pot pie Broccoli Cottage cheese Fruit cocktail	15
16	17 Chicken Breast Baked Potato Green beans Pudding	18	19 French dip Potato wedges Peas Strawberry Shortcake Activity: Wii Bowling	20	21 Vegetable soup Grilled Cheese on Wheat Fruit Activity Prize BINGO	22
23	24 Taco Bake Spanish Rice Beans Yogurt cream Activity: Nutrition Game	25	26 Lasagna Broccoli Fruit juice Tapioca Activity: Wii Bowling	27	28 Pot Roast Red potato Carrots Sugar free Pie	29
30	31 Chili Corn Bread Steamed Carrots Pudding		Coffee, milk and water are available at every meal.		Menu subject to change with out notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000 calorie diet.	

Meals served at 12 o'clock

No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and Handicap/Disabled individuals who reside with Elder.

Guests Meals are \$5.00

Donations are appreciated and will be used for program activities and food.

What are your New Years Resolutions?

- 1) I will make plans more often
- 2) I will read at least one book a month
- 3) I will do something for myself each week
- 4) Write an autobiography. Share your life story
- 5) I will eat a fresh fruit and a fresh vegetable every day
- 6) I will exercise daily
- 7) Smile EVERYDAY

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions
Phone: 231-398-6886

E-mail: ncross@lrboi.com

Volunteers are needed to help with meals
if interested please contact Noelle.

Compiled by the Office of Public Affairs

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com.

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.

BE-DA-BIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

376 NINTH STREET

BLANSTEE, MI 49520

(231) 723-8225

***** Press Release *****



In recognition of Wellness and Healthy Lifestyles, and in cooperation with the artist, Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health is offering a FREE Family Friendly, Dinner and Comedy Performance by artist Amanda Old Crow on January 29, 2011, at 5:00 pm at Little River Casino in the Three Fires Conference Center. This is open to all Tribal Members, friends, and family. However, you MUST RSVP your attendance and pick up your show tickets by the end of the day January 17, 2011. (please note there is limited number of tickets available) Attached is a flyer with more details.

Amanda Old Crow (CROW/BLACKFEET) – Amanda is a comedian, singer, actress, youth motivational speaker and trainer. She is an excellent role model for the seventh generation. She was

born in Crow Agency, Montana. Amanda was raised on the Crow reservation during her early years and later moved to the neighboring Northern Cheyenne reservation. She graduated from Lane Deer High School with honors, and calls both the Blackfeet reservation in Montana and Seattle home.

To RSVP or for any questions and information Please contact Dottie Batchelder 231.398.6741 or Julie Wolfe 231.398.6740.

Amanda Old Crow Native American Comedian

January 29, 2011
Three Fires Conference Center, 5:00 PM



PROGRAM AGENDA

5pm -6pm Wellness Promotion w/ Hors D Oeuvres

6pm – 7:15pm Dinner Chicken Cord on Blue

7:30pm - 9:30 pm Comedy Show by Amanda

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Sponsored by Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health of the Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians

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encouraged
to apply!*

Informational Meetings:

- Monday* December 20, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday* January 5, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

(*day later in case of inclement weather)

Applications Available Now:

at Northwest Michigan Works! Service Centers

Or on the Web: www.nwm.org/youthbuild.asp

New Session Starting Jan 2011 in Manistee:

Briny Building, 50 Filer Street, Manistee

Call for more info: 231-887-4448



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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

2011 Annual Goonignebig Tournament

Wenesh pii: Saturday, February 12, 2011

Competition starts promptly at 10:03 am beginning with the youngest age group and will continue in order until done. You **MUST** be on site to compete when your name is called!

Aanii piish: LRBOI Community Center
2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee, MI

- ✦ Competitors **MUST** be registered
- ✦ All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult at all times
- ✦ Registration will be open at 8:30 am & close at 9:45 am on February 12, 2011

Age Categories

1-5	11-17
6-10	18-54
55+	

New Prizes!

- ✦ Longest Throw
- ✦ Oldest Competitor
- ✦ Furthest Traveled Competitor
- ✦ Best Looking Snake Used in Competition



Everyone is invited to attend and participate. Come enjoy the fun!

Sponsored by: Tribal Historic Preservation Department

By participating, you acknowledge that photographs and/or digital recording may be taken during the Tournament and convey all rights, title, and interest concerning the photographic images and/or digital recording to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. It is further understood that these photographic images and/or digital recordings may be published and/or posted on the Internet or tribal website or any other way in which the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians deems necessary. All rights are voluntarily waived to these photographic images and/or digital recordings.



To pre-register, please call
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